

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Claims 1, 11, and 15 have been amended.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

limiting a one-time-use digital video camera having a digital storage medium for a single use cycle;

configuring a digital storage medium to store in a digital form captured video footage including a sequence of video images capturing motion recorded by a digital video image sensor and sound data recorded by a digital audio sensor;

configuring a microphone to capture sound corresponding to the recorded video images and to supply the captured sound to the digital audio sensor, where both the recorded images and the captured sound are combined into the single captured video footage file;

configuring a video compression component to compress a size of the captured video footage file;

configuring a processing unit to execute instructions that operate the digital video camera;

configuring a digital viewfinder having a display to allow present to a user to-see the images in a target area to be taken on that display and then the images are recorded in the non-volatile digital storage medium;

configuring the digital viewfinder having the display to play back the captured video footage file on the display to the user;

configuring a Direct Current power source to power the microphone, the digital video image sensor, the digital audio sensor, the processing unit, the display, and the non-volatile digital storage medium;

configuring a communication port to facilitate communications between components internal to the digital video camera and devices external to the digital video camera; and

refurbishing the one-time-use digital video recorder for another use cycle of the one-time-use digital video recorder.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein refurbishing comprises making the one-time-use digital video recorder operational for another use cycle.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

selling the one-time-use digital video camera during a first use cycle; and

selling the one-time-use digital video recorder for a second use cycle after refurbishing the one-time-use digital video recorder.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein a manufacturer sells the one-time-use digital video camera to a vendor.

5. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein a vendor sells the one-time-use digital video camera to a consumer.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
communicating video footage captured by the one time use digital video camera to an external processing unit to process the video data.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
enhancing quality of video footage captured by the one time use digital video camera with an external processing unit.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
distributing the one-time-use digital video camera to a retailer for a consumer to purchase.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
forcing a consumer to return the one-time-use digital video camera to a vendor in order for the consumer to obtain video content captured during the use cycle.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein a limiting use component contained within the one time use camera restricts the use of the one-time-use digital video camera for a single use cycle and the limiting use component is the digital storage medium located inside the digital video camera in an area inaccessible to the user,

wherein the digital storage medium is capable of capturing video footage until the digital storage medium is full but the digital storage medium being located inside the digital video camera and in an area inaccessible to the user forces retrieval of the captured video footage to ~~merely~~only be obtainable through the communication port.

11. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:

means for limiting a one-time-use digital video camera having a digital storage medium for a single use cycle;

the digital storage medium to store in a digital form captured video footage including a sequence of video images capturing motion recorded by a digital video image sensor and sound data recorded by a digital audio sensor;

means for capturing sound corresponding to the recorded video images and to supply the captured sound to the digital audio sensor, where both the recorded images and the captured sound are combined into the single captured video footage file;

means for compressing a size of the captured video footage;

means for executing instructions that operate the digital video camera;

means for allowing a user to see the images in a target area to be taken and then recorded in the non-volatile digital storage medium;

means for configuring the digital viewfinder having the display to play back the captured video footage file on the display to the user;

means for powering the means for capturing sound, the digital video image sensor, the digital audio sensor, the means for executing instructions, the means for allowing a user to see, and the digital storage medium;

means for facilitating communications between components internal to the digital video camera and devices external to the digital video camera,

a camera body to contain the means for executing instructions, the means for capturing sound, the means for allowing a user to see, and the digital storage medium on or in the digital video camera; and

means for refurbishing the one-time-use digital video recorder for another use cycle of the one-time-use digital video recorder.

12. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:

means for selling the one-time-use digital video camera during a first use cycle;
and

means for selling the one-time-use digital video recorder for a second use cycle after refurbishing the one-time-use digital video recorder.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the means for facilitating communications to communicate video data captured by the one time use digital video camera to an external processing unit to process the video footage.

14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising:

means for enhancing quality of the video data captured by the one time use digital video camera with an external processing unit.

15. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

a digital video camera having a non-volatile digital storage medium to store in a digital form captured video footage including a sequence of video images capturing motion recorded by a digital video image sensor and sound data recorded by a digital audio sensor ;

a microphone to capture sound corresponding to the recorded video images and to supply the captured sound to the digital audio sensor, where both the recorded images and the captured sound are combined into a single captured video footage file;

a video compression component to compress a size of the captured video footage;

a processing unit to execute instructions that operate the digital video camera;

a digital viewfinder having a display to allow present to a user ~~to see~~ the images in a target area to be taken and then recorded in the non-volatile digital storage medium, wherein the digital viewfinder having the display is also configured to play back the captured video footage file on the display to the user;

a Direct Current power source to power the microphone, the digital video image sensor, the digital audio sensor, the processing unit, the display, and the non-volatile digital storage medium;

a communication port to facilitate communications between components internal to the digital video camera and devices external to the digital video camera,

a camera body to contain the digital video image sensor, the digital audio sensor the processing unit and the non-volatile digital storage medium within the digital video camera; and

a server external to the digital video camera having a communication port to receive the captured video footage, a processor configured to process the video footage, and a disk drive to supply the processed video footage to a consumer in a video format useable by other consumer devices.

16. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising:

a limiting use component to restrict a use of the digital video camera to a single use cycle.

17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the limiting use component is a clock circuit to monitor an amount of time the video has been recording and after a preset amount of time occurs to trigger a signal to disable the one-time use digital video camera from further use in the current use cycle.

18. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the limiting use component is an amount of battery power contained in the Direct Current power source of the video camera designed to support only a single use cycle and replacement of the battery power is inaccessible to a user of the digital video camera.

19. (Original) The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the limiting use component is a capacity of the non-volatile digital storage medium designed to support only a single use cycle and the non-volatile digital storage medium is inaccessible to a user of the digital video camera.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the processor within the digital video camera is configured to store the video content in a non-consumable format only visible in an intelligible form from the external server and the one-time-use digital camera.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the external server to enhance the captured video footage with meta data recorded at the time the video content was filmed.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the external server to enhance the original captured video content by adding in stock video intermixed with the original captured video footage when a video product is supplied to a consumer.

23. (Original) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the one-time-use digital video camera has physical dimensions that allows the one-time-use digital video camera to fit within a pocket.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the display to allow a user to review and its associated controls allow the user to delete video footage that has been recorded on the non-volatile digital storage medium.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein the disk drive embeds the processed video content onto a non-volatile digital storage medium.